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SUBJECT: IVP GRANT: MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE

1. WE WILL ADHERE TO PROGRAM AS ORIGINALLY OUTLINED IN
REF B.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, SUGGESTION THAT WE DROP
REFERENCE TO SENANAYEKE AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAUSES
US SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN WORKING OUT WASHINGTON END OF
HIS PROGRAM. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT WE CAN ARRANGE SAME
HIGH LEVEL CALLS AND ATTENTION FOR CABINET MINISTER AS
WE CAN FOR DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. IT IS THE LATTER TITLE
WHICH WE ARE COUNTING ON TO OPEN DOORS FOR US AND THE
BASIS ON WHICH VIP TREATMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR
SENANAYEKE. IF POST FEELS STRONGLY THAT THIS IS INAP-
PROPRIATE WE WILL HAVE TO SCALE DOWN PROGRAMMING TO
REFLECT LOWER PROTOCOL STANDING. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD
DROP IDEA OF CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT, LUNCH BY SISCO AND
REQUEST FOR RED CARPET TREATMENT ON HILL.

3. ANURA BANDARANAIKE IN EFFECT WAS STAND-IN FOR HIS
MOTHER, RELATIONSHIP THAT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD HERE. AS
CABINET MINISTER SENANAYEKE UNFORTUNATELY STANDS ON HIS
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OWN; AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HE IS A CONSIDERABLE CUT

HIGHER. WE CAN STILL WORK OUT A PROGRAM FOR HIM AS
MINISTER WHICH CAN BE FULL AND SATISFACTORY LACKING ONLY
IN THE PROTOCOL TOUCHES CITED ABOVE.

4. POST VIEWS ARE REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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